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Before DALE M. SHAW *Chief Appeals Administrator*  
SHAW, *Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 20, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated March 29, 2004. There is no indication on the record that the Examiner has signed the above Information Disclosure Statement. MPEP § 609 requires the Examiner to consider any Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant if timely submitted. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's consideration of the above Information Disclosure Statement is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for the following:

- 1) to consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 29, 2004; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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